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In re application of

Dario NERI et al.

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For: **ANTIBODIES TO THE ED-B DOMAIN OF FIBRONECTIN, THEIR
CONSTRUCTION AND USES**

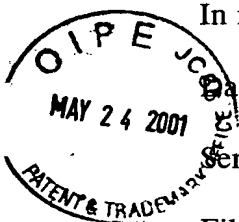
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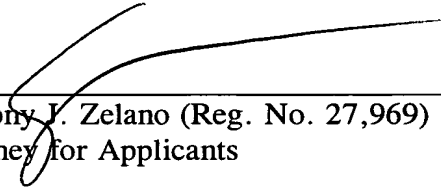
Sir:

Applicants hereby elect Group I, with traverse.

The restriction requirement should be withdrawn at least because the examiner has not established an undue searching burden.

As for the examiner's alleged basis for the restriction, in essence the examiner has admitted that all claims do recite a single technical feature. This is all that is required under the PCT rule in order for there to be unity of invention. Indeed, during the PCT procedure, no unity of invention problem was noted. In fact, there is none.

Respectfully submitted,



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